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Introduction

This little book contains an official directory of the Womans League and its several organizations, and gives a general view of the work done by them during the current year.

It is intended to enable them to help each other more intelligently in their common purpose, the betterment of our civic life.

The Womans League offers to all of its organizations broad avenues of appeal through its public meetings and large membership.

"Any society belonging to the League desiring to bring its work before the other organizations may send a written statement of the same to the secretary of the League, whose duty it is to communicate it to the other organizations through their presidents."

"It is the privilege of all the members of any organization belonging to the League to propose questions, and take part in discussions at any meeting of the League."

The Womans Club League was formed in 1892, by the Federation of Womans Clubs of the City.

The object of this association was to bring into communication the various woman's clubs of the city that they might become mutually helpful in the prosecution of any work of common interest.

The results of this movement have been a fine Public Library, Domestic Science and Seed Distribution in the Public Schools, an Arts and Crafts Association, a Rest Room for Women in the court house, the means of establishing Public Playgrounds, and each year a Course of Lectures.

In 1908 The Womans Club League was re-organized on broader lines as the Womans League.

The scope of its usefulness is greatly increased by the addition of Industrial and Philanthropic Societies and Social Hygiene.

The work of the League is very largely done through its committees. This change has added two committees to its working force and also increased the number of its regular meetings.

Any organization may join the League by the payment of dues, if its work is approved by the executive board.

No organization entering the League loses its independence in work or method.

Officers

President,
MRS. ELIZABETH J. DAWSON

First Vice-President,
MISS MARGARET SMITH

Second Vice-President,
MRS. JOHN P. EVANS

Third Vice-President,
MRS. J. B. HARPER

Recording Secretary,
MRS. O. E. MOHLER

Corresponding Secretary,
MRS. W. E. DAVIS

Federation Secretary,
MRS. C. STOCKBRIDGE

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MRS. C. R. LANE

Auditor,
MRS. A. E. ROTHSCHILD

Past Presidents,
MRS. ALICE P. DRYER—1893-4
MRS. SARA B. FOSTER—1894-5
*MRS. ELLEN R. BURSLEY—1895-6
MRS. ARISTENE M. FELTS—1896-8
MISS MERICA HOAGLAND—1898-9
MRS. FRANCIS M. ROBERTSON—1899
*MRS. LURA E. WOODWORTH—1899-02
MRS. ADELINE E. GRIFFITHS—1902-04
MRS. MARIE J. OLDS—1904-05
MRS. ANNIE L. TAYLOR—1905-07
MRS. ADDIE B. GULDLIN—1907-09
MRS. ELIZABETH J. DAWSON—1909-12

Standing Committees

Library,
MISS KATHARINE HAMILTON
MRS. AUGUST DETZER
1910-1912
MRS. MAX FISHER
MRS. CHESTER T. LANE
1912-1914

Departments

Art,
MR. HOMER GORDON DAVISSON

Education,
MRS. JOHN MORING

Domestic Science,
MRS. J. W. BEATTIE

Civic Improvement,
MRS. S. R. TAYLOR

Philanthropy,
MRS. I. N. TAYLOR

Industry,
MRS. ED. WILSON

Social Hygiene,
DR. JESSIE CALVIN

Meetings

The regular open meetings of the Womans League are held in the assembly room of the Library building at two-thirty P. M., the first Saturdays of the following months:

October—Subject, Industry.
November—Art.
December—Social Hygiene.
January—Education.
March—Civic Improvement.
April—Philanthropy.
May—Annual Meeting.

At all meetings every organization is entitled to two votes, one to be cast by the President and one by a delegate elected to represent it, or their alternates.

STANDING RULES

First. "No members shall have more than one vote."

Second. "No proxies shall be accepted."

Third. Ex-Presidents of the League, who have served one year, shall have a vote in all open meetings.

Organizations and Clubs

List of Organizations

Hope Hospital.
Audubon Society.
Hebrew Benevolent Society.
Needle Work Guild.
Visiting Nurse's League.
Y. W. C. A.
W. C. T. U.

List of Clubs

Duo Decimo.
Fortnightly.
General Culture.
Home Culture.
Morning Musical.
Nineteenth Century.
Saturday.
Shakespeare.
Twentieth Century.
Woman's Reading.
College Womans Clubs.
Thursday Shakespeare.

Special Committees

Enforcement of laws pertaining to women and children.

MRS. AUGUST DETZER, Chairman.
MRS. C. L. FAIRBANKS.
MRS. O. N. GULDLIN.
MRS. C. S. RIDENOUR.
MISS KATE HAMILTON.

Annual Reports

THE material constituting this year-book is the collected reports from the officers, department chairmen, representatives of the various Clubs in the League, and of affiliated organizations. With few exceptions the reports are reproduced as delivered at the annual meeting, May 4, 1912. Some of the longer ones were necessarily condensed or abridged.

[EDITORS]

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Recording Secretary's Report

The Womans League has held seven general meetings and thirteen executive meetings, making a total of twenty (20).

The lecture course of the League was given by Professor S. H. Clark, of Chicago University, whose book reviews were a revelation since he brought in an unmatched and skillful manner the scenes and characters so clearly before the audience that they seemed almost real and living. By the mistake of his secretary in handing him his manuscript an extra lecture was given free, "Julius Ceasar."

Mrs. E. M. Wilson, of the Industrial Department, was particularly fortunate in choosing Professor Himleck, of the Indianapolis Manual Training School, for a lecture in October on "Remedies for the Child Problem."

The resignation of Mrs. Walter Griffith as chairman of the Art Department was accepted with regret and the meeting under the Art Department was conducted by the Fort Wayne Art School, giving in November at the public library under the direction of Mr. G. Davisson, the instructor, an art exhibit, showing work in Germany and the Netherlands before the Renaissance.

The Department of Social Hygiene having been created and the date for the department work given as December, Dr. Jessie Calvin arranged a program of un-

usual interest and value, a paper on "Influence of Sexual Diseases," by Dr. VanSweringen; "Contagious Diseases of the Eyes of New Born Babes," by Dr. Bulson, and a paper on "Social Purity" by Dr. M. F. Porter.

Under the Home Economics Department the chairman, Mrs. C. N. Guldlin, brought Miss McCheyne, of Purdue University, for an address on the food question, growth, production, etc., which proved practical and instructive, and Mrs. John Hessler was secured for a week of lectures on house decoration which was very instructive.

"A New Chapter in Old World History," was given in February by the Educational Department. Mrs. Naylor was fortunate in securing Professor D. D. Haines, of Wabash college, for this address, which was a revelation and pleasure to all attending.

In March, "What Has Been Accomplished in Cleveland in the Public Schools," illustrated by stereopticon views, was told by Miss Louise Cline Miller, whom the Civics Department had asked to talk about her work. Mrs. Taylor could not have had anything better on this line of activity and all were enthused for results in Fort Wayne.

The Philanthropic Department, through the chairman, Mrs. I. N. Taylor, asked Mrs. Robert McCall, of Chicago, for an address in April. She gave a splendid talk on the advantages and opportunities of work of our club women for social service.

The Womans League had charge of the opening of the Guldlin playground in May, which proved a splendid event. Under the direction of the League, the Woman's Suffrage party has been organized.

The League has co-operated with the Woman's Union Label League for early closing hours; has secured the co-operation of the ministerial association in an effort to have the children kept off the streets at night. Although no curfew bell is rung or whistle blown, the police department assures the Philanthropic Depart-

ment of the League that the curfew law is being enforced.

The Industrial Department of the League has established a parent-teachers' club, looking toward the use of schools as a social center.

The Educational Department secured Mr. Clarence A. Perry for a lecture with stereopticon views for an evening lecture in the school auditorium, for the wider use of the schools, and the League, under the direction of the president and secretary of the Industrial Department, held a tea at another school, encouraging the establishment of school social centers.

The League has co-operated with the W. C. T. U. for law enforcement and has a strong committee within the League for the enforcement of laws for women and children in Fort Wayne.

The League has interested itself, through the Civics Department, in the establishment of sanitary drinking fountains and the use of sanitary drinking cups.

The Civics Department has distributed over 20,000 packages of seeds among the children in the Fort Wayne public and parochial schools, several thousand more than ever before delivered. This department is also working for a car step reform to be considered by the Traction Company in the building of the new street cars.

The League was active in an effort to preserve to the city of Fort Wayne the Hamilton property as a permanent park and museum, and was disappointed that its efforts in this direction were not successful.

The League is working in full accord with the Chief of Police in the appointment of a police matron, which has been made, but the officer has not been commissioned owing to the lack of funds. The Philanthropic Department is confident of success in this line of work.

The League entertained delegates from the district at a meeting to arrange details regarding the State Federation meeting in October. The co-operation of the League with the Associated Charities, and the Commer-

cial Club has been close and the work of the League has been appreciated by all whom it helped during the year.

From this necessarily brief account, it will be seen that the Womans League has been very busy during the past seven months. The officers and chairmen of departments have been ready to respond to all calls, helping and encouraging, doing much detail and committee work, giving personally of time and ability along the lines wherever needed.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. E. MOHLER, Secretary.

May 4, 1912.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

To the President, Mrs. Dawson, and the Women of the Fort Wayne League:

The Corresponding Secretary submits the following report for club year:

A total of 289 cards sent as notices of meetings, executive and regular meetings.

Total letters written, 20, one of which was to the city council urging appointment of City Forester, one to the office of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Received Federation books from Mrs. Knapp and wrote her in regard to the same.

Respectfully,

RAY DAVIS.

Treasurer's Report for the Year 1911-12

Cash in Bank May 1, 1911		$108.67
From Dues Saturday Club	$ 5.00	
From Dues General Culture Club	5.00	
From Dues Miss C. Hamilton	1.00	
From Dues Fortnightly Club	6.00	
From Dues 20th Century Club	5.00	
From Dues Duodecimo Club	5.00	
From Dues Woman's Reading Club	5.00	
From Dues Shakespeare Club	5.00	
From Dues Home Culture Club	5.00	
From Dues 19th Century Club	5.00	
From Dues Morning Musical	8.00	
From Dues Thursday Afternoon Shakespeare Club	2.50	
From Dues Needle Work Guild	2.00	
From Dues Hebrew Benvolent Society	2.00	
From Dues Audubon Society	2.00	
From Dues W. C. T. U.	2.00	
From Tickets Domestic Science Lectures	72.45	
		137.95
Total		$246.62

To Lecture Industrial Department	$ 5.00
To Lecture Art Department	5.00
To Lecture Home Economics	5.80
To Lecture Educational Department	17.50
To Lecture Philanthropic Department	10.25
To Lecture Civics Improvement Department and Seed Distribution	24.00
To Lecture Miss Rodabaugh, Domestic Science Department	30.00
To Lecture Mrs. Hassler, Domestic Science Department	93.00

To Lecture Expense for Lectures Domestic Science	32.49
To Thieme Model	5.00
To District Convention Dues	1.00
To W. C. T. U.	10.00
To Indiana Library Membership Fee	10.00
To Dues General Federation Women's Clubs	11.00
To Indiana Scholarship Fund	11.20
To Indiana Federation Dues	3.00
To Expense of Delegates to Indiana Federation of Clubs	30.00
To History General Federation	1.50
To Fly Posters from General Federation	3.50
To The Bulletin	1.00
To General Expense	35.81
Total	$346.05

RECEIPTS

From Tickets Sold	$759.25

DISBURSEMENTS

To Professor Clark for Lectures	$550.00
To General Expense	65.65
Total	$615.65
Balance	143.60

GENERAL STATEMENT FOR 1911-12.

May 3, 1911	—In Tri-State Trust Co.	$525.45
	—To Y. W. C. A. Fund	100.00
	Total	574.61
May 3, 1912	—In Tri-State Trust Co.	$425.45
	—In Citizens Trust Co.	54.99
	—Hamilton National Bank	44.17

MRS. CHAS. R. LANE, Treasurer.

DEPARTMENTAL

PHILANTHROPIC DEPARTMENT.

The members of the Philanthropic Department were called together to discuss the best plan of work for the year. The presidents of the following organizations were present: The Visiting Nurse League, the Hebrew Benevolent Society, the W. C. T. U., the Y. W. C. A., the Needlework Guild, the Hope Hospital committee, the Associated Charities, and the Willing Workers. At this time the committee considered the great need of more safeguards for the youth of our city and, after much discussion, it was thought that no better or more imperative work was possible than that of creating if possible a strong public sentiment for at least three objects:

Keeping young boys and girls off the down-town streets during the night hours unless accompanied by older people; the censorship of moving picture shows, and the need of a police matron or woman officer.

Our first step was to visit the chief of police, who assured us that he was in sympathy with this movement and would enforce the curfew ordinance. Later on this officer reported a much better condition from this enforcement, though at present it would not seem so from a casual observance when walking through our city. Mr. Abbot has been very kind and seemed eager to assist the Womans League in its work against the temptations that surround the boys and girls at night.

The second object was not deemed advisable for us to attempt, otherwise than to give wide publicity to the fact that many young girls were attending these cheap places of amusements without proper escorts.

For a Police Matron.

The third object, that of trying to secure the enforcement of the law as regards having a police matron or woman officer who should have the authority over

young girls on the streets and in the places of amusement, we have devoted the greatest effort of the past year's work. The first step was in the asking of the personal interest and co-operation of the clergymen of our city. At a meeting of the members of committee and the Ministerial Association, a hearty endorsement of this work was given. A gratifying response was given the request that a special sermon be delivered on this subject. The effort has, so far, been unsuccessful, but we sincerely hope that the committee on law enforcement will succeed in securing a woman officer whose duty shall be to save our young boys and girls.

Your chairman was asked to assist in the care of two young girls who were brought to the Chief of Police. One of the girls, a child of thirteen, is still under our care with the consent of Mr. Abbott. This interesting child has so beautifully responded to the law of kindness and of love that she has entirely outgrown her bad environment and is fast assimilating much of the best in morals and development. She is at present in very happy surroundings on a farm, where she expresses herself as being entirely contented.

ANNIE L. TAYLOR,
Chairman Philanthropic Committee.

CIVICS DEPARTMENT

Madame President, and the women of the League:

The secretary's report has embodied so clear a statement of the work of the Civic Department that it scarcely seems necessary for me to do more than enlarge on some details.

As chairman, I have but one meeting to report. Fourteen invitations to attend were sent out, but only two were accepted, Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Smith being present. Still, it mattered but little. Knowing that we had the moral support of those who could not come,

we went ahead with the work. It is not necessary to hold meetings in order to carry it on to the best advantage, as the annual seed distribution, which is by far the largest work of the department, covering the greatest period of time, has become largely clerical, with the exception of the actual delivery of the seeds to the children after they are shipped to us.

However, one or two features of this work do require more help than we have had, the first being the distribution in the parochial schools. We carried it into seven of these schools this year. Only seven, because seven was all we could reach without more workers. Each parochial school is a separate institution with no common ground upon which all may be approached at once. This means a separate visit to the authorities of each school, a visit requiring the exercise of the utmost courtesy and tact, to reassure hesitation and to inspire confidence. Once enlisted, however, these schools are the most enthusiastic. Seven parochial schools this year sent orders for full half as many seeds as seventeen public schools. Besides this the method of reward calls for much more than clerical work. As an incentive last year, we gave to each school alike its choice of vines or shrubs for the school yard. We can not repeat this, as we have not enough money in the Department bank account, and, further, it is urged that the children's flower show is a better means of maintaining a lively interest. The only objection to the flower show is that the date heretofore selected, the first Saturday after the opening of school in September, is so late in the season that the flowers are nearly past blooming. This date has been chosen in the past because it seemed necessary to hold the show in one of the school houses, and these are not open in vacation. But I consulted with Dr. Drayer, president of the Playground Association, and am authorized to say that the flower show may be held this year, sometime in August, in the big pavilion in the Guldlin Playground, which will give the little gardeners a

better chance. Formal announcement of it will be made later. Now, this flower show means that quite a number of ladies must give a day or so of time to some very lively, but pleasant, work. Early in August a summons will be sent out, through the newspapers, calling for the helpers, to which we confidently expect an enthusiastic response.

Of the other movements forwarded by the Civics Department, the question of sanitary drinking accommodations in railroad waiting rooms came first. From five of the six roads appealed to we received courteous response and promises to look into the matter. Of these, the Traction Company announced that they would make the experimental installation of different methods in their new stations to learn which was the most practical. They have kept this promise. The new interurban station at Peru has been fitted with bubble fountains, and that in Fort Wayne is supplied with the paper drinking cups in envelopes. After a "tryout" the most favored system will be adopted.

The Civics Department also took up the movement for carstep reform, and a petition in its behalf, addressed to the Traction Company management, was very well received. As yet no definite response has been made, but the treatment of the sanitary fountain matter by this company makes us quite hopeful of success.

Madame President, I fear I may overstep my bound of time, but I feel impelled to ask for a few minutes more. This meeting marks the end of a year, in a sense, but also the beginning of another. It was hoped to have repeated at this meeting, a paper from one of the clubs, the "General Culture," upon the subject of "Civic Improvement in the Womans League," but the paper had unfortunately been destroyed. By the time the next annual meeting rolls around I may not be occupying the chair of Civics in the League, so, may I seize the opportunity which may not be mine again, to state a claim, which, if it has been virtually made and privately and personally admitted, has never been publicly formulated

nor acknowledged. I will put it into a very few words, and every woman in the League should repeat it with pride when she reads or listens to reports of Civic Improvement activity in this city:

It was a woman of the League who first hoisted the standard of "Civic Improvement" in Fort Wayne, and sent forth the trumpet call of the "City Beautiful." That woman was LURA E. WOODWORTH, who, eight years ago, founded the Civics Department.

It was full five years afterward that the members of the Commercial Club had their awakening.

For three years after the establishment of this department by Mrs. Woodworth, until indeed she passed away from us through that gate which leads to the Beautiful City, the trumpet never sounded "retreat." And we have found, who put it to our lips afterward, that all its tones are silent except those that call "forward."

Nearly all of us have heard and read the history of that later awakening, just mentioned, when the Civic Improvement Association was formed, more than once in public meetings and in print; and we are all glad, clear through, to realize that the good men of Fort Wayne are really aroused at last. But it does seem passing strange that it has never once been acknowledged, if in fact it is recognized, that what disturbed their long sleep was the echo "of a voice that is still."

A few weeks ago in one of the newspapers was printed a letter from a Civic Improvement correspondent, in which the interests of the East Side children in gardening and flower culture was cited as a result of the popular Ward Civic Improvement Associations. Now, with all due regard to those concerned, the truth is that the children's interest in flower culture began seven years ago as a result of the first seed distribution conducted by Mrs. Woodworth, and it has been growing steadily since, with each successive distribution. So far from the children's interest being aroused by their fathers, of the Ward Associations, we are inclined to the

belief that if these fathers took the time to search their memories it would be found that the first time they ever gave a thought to "civic improvement" was when, about six years ago, their children came home from school wearing the badge button of the "Junior Civic Improvement League," which Mrs. Woodworth established in many of the public schools.

In this connection there is one more matter of highest civic importance, of which mention must be made before closing:

It, also, was a woman of the League who first advanced (in a little Civics Department meeting of five women) the idea that playgrounds for the children of Fort Wayne were a practical possibility. And it was the Civics Department that pressed the magic button that called into being the "Playgrounds Association," through which has been demonstrated the practicality of Mrs. Guldlin's ideal.

Of nothing which the Womans League has helped to do in this city may it feel more justly proud than of this splendid and successful work, with which we are still officially connected through its recording secretary, who is our president. In closing, we wish to urge in its behalf your continued support, for this work is not yet finished. When the Playgrounds Association was formed it pledged itself to maintain the work until the city should assume the responsibility. We are still under that pledge. The city has helped, but has not assumed the whole burden. And so we must all work a little longer and help a little more. The children of the city must be provided with space and opportunity for play. It is a law of nature, and of growth. "A child does not play because he is young," or of a few years—he is young because he plays. Play prolongs youth, and so prolongs development. A long youth makes a strong manhood. A child who for any reason does not, or cannot, play, is prematurely old, no matter how few his years. If we rob a child, or permit him to be robbed of his opportun-

ity for play, we rob him of his childhood. And we will have to pay. The future will exact its toll. The indolence and neglect of today will make tomorrow a charmed house of consequences.

MRS. SAM R. TAYLOR,
Chairman Civics Department Womans League.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

The Educational Department has, during the past year, made considerable advancement in securing the cooperation of the board of education and the patrons of the schools in the larger use of the school buildings as social centers. The second of October the first of the entertainments of a series planned by the Department was given at the James H. Smart school, Mr Clarence A. Perry giving a stereopticon lecture to an audience of five hundred people. The second program of the course was given in April at the same school, being a concert by the pupils of Miss Kay Spencer, followed by the presentation to the school of a picture of Anthony Wayne, the donors being the Mary Penrose Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The attendance was very large.

Professor Daniel D. Haines, of Wabash college, filled the regular program of the Department in February, with a lecture, delivered in the high school auditorium, on "A Modern Chapter in Old World History." The lecture was illustrated with stereopticon views of recent excavations in Greece. It was attended by a very appreciative audience, including many students from Concordia college.

MRS. GEO. M. NAYLOR, Chairman.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

This department seeks to carry out its work all through the year in the Home Culture club, where prac-

tical talks and papers on home and community life are given during the club year. Our club varies from other clubs in that is meetings are open to all who are interested, and we try to talk only of such subjects as have a vital relation to the home.

In addition to this, in our regular day in the League, we had Miss Gertrude McCheyne, of Purdue University, who gave a very valuable talk upon the selection and combination of foods, which was demonstrated with food charts.

Early in March, Mrs. John Hessler, of Decatur, Ill., gave talks on architecture, interior decoration, furnishing, woodwork and floors, and dress standards.

We hope that during the new club year the young housekeepers will take a deeper interest in the work of the club, which is designed especially for their benefit. We wish the old housekeepers to know that we would like the benefit of their valuable experience, so that together we may think out some practical ways of reducing the high cost of living, and make the Indiana home the center of intelligent, joyous life.

ADDIE B. GULDLIN, Chairman.

SOCIAL HYGIENE DEPARTMENT

The Social Hygiene Department submits the following report:

The committee having formulated a plan of work for the year, the Department was created and inaugurated with an open meeting in the assembly room of the public library on the first Saturday in December, 1911. Drs. Porter, Sweringen and Bulson were invited to give addresses at that meeting and all heartily responded, and gave helpful addresses. They also assured us that they were ready, at any time, to co-operate with us in a crusade against the "White Plague," or in extending the educational phase of social service.

The chairman of your committee being physically

incapacitated for the greater part of the year, has been unable to do any personal work, but our faithful president, Mrs. Dawson, has been active in the advancement of this department of our many lines of work, and we are sure to see results of her labor. She has distributed literature among the clubs, which I am sure has been profitable. More knowledge on all health topics, seems to be the crying need of our clubs, and it may be obtained through many authentic phamphlets which are in circulation. I asked, last year, that each club in the League would devote one day during the year to the study of social hygiene, and I know some did it last year, and some are arranging for one program for the coming year. I trust that all the clubs may do so. I am ready, at any time, to give to any club what knowledge I have on the subject, and will assist you in obtaining literature.

Dr. Martha H. Griffith, of the State Health Committee, will also supply literature.

Mrs. McWhirter, president of the State Federation, asked that our health committee be ready to give a detailed report at the convention this fall, and I trust that the program committee will see fit to give us considerable time on the program.

Respectfully submitted,

(Dr.) JESSIE CARRITHERS CALVIN,
Chairman.

ART DEPARTMENT

The annual program of the Art Department was given at the regular meeting in November.

Mr. Homer Gordon Davisson, instructor of the School of Art, was then a comparative stranger in the city, and thinking the citizens would like to meet him and see some of his work, he was invited to fill the program. Several of his paintings were hung in the room,

among them one which was afterward purchased by the Bloomingdale school.

Mr. Davisson gave a series of stereopticon views he had taken while abroad, which with a short explanatory talk made a very interesting and instructive program.

During the season the citizens, assisted by the members of the League, have given several free art exhibits.

The work of the Art Department this year has been directed toward the forming of a permanent Arts and Crafts Association. It has not progressed far enough to enable us to give a satisfactory report.

MRS. W. E. GRIFFITHS, Chairman.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

The work of the Industrial Department has been conducted along educational lines, believing that the betterment of conditions in the industrial world might be more surely and effectively improved when the public generally came to an understanding of the great wrongs that are permitted by our present industrial laws. With this idea, then, we have sought to reach the people by establishing the schools as community centers. We have endeavored, working in co-operation with the Educational Department, to establish "parent-teacher" clubs in the different schools of the city, where lectures and entertainments have been given. These have been educational in their value and helpful toward bettering social and industrial conditions.

The Industrial Department secured R. W. Himelick, supervising principal of the industrial department of the schools of Indianapolis, to give an address before the Womans League last October. We have invited the parents of the children of many of the schools to meet with us when we have presented the possibilities and purposes of the broader uses of the public schools. As

a result of these meetings we have one club organized and wide interest has been awakened.

MRS. E. M. WILSON, Chairman.

LECTURE COURSE COMMITTEE

The program for the lecture course of 1911-12 consisted of a series of dramatic readings by Professor S. H. Clark, of Chicago University, who took for his subjects six world famous novels. These readings were given in the high school auditorium, from the balcony of which high school students were permitted by special ticket to hear the entire six numbers of the course without expense, a custom established the preceding year, and one much appreciated by the beneficiaries. Professor Clark's readings proved increasingly popular, and he has been re-engaged for the coming season.

Committee:

DR. W. D. CALVIN, Chairman.
PROF. W. H. MOLL.
MRS. J. B. HARPER.
MRS. S. E. HAMLETT.
MRS. O. N. GULDLIN.
MISS MARGARET SMITH.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

MADAME PRESIDENT:

This report cannot be a record of things accomplished, but it is made for the information of the League.

The Law Enforcement Committee has been appointed to investigate and report what, if any, laws and ordinances of this city are not being enforced. This report is to include the names of the officer or officers who are responsible for the law breaking.

This committee is to pay especial attention to such laws as concern women, girls and boys.

In no instance is this committee to take upon itself the enforcement of these laws, but it is merely to report any violations to the League, which can then take such action as may seem advisable.

Your committee would ask your patience and co-operation until such a time as it may prove its excuse for being in its power to serve.

MRS. L. G. DETZER,
Chairman Law Enforcement Committee.

CLUBS

THE HOME CULTURE CIRCLE

The Home Culture Circle held five meetings this year. The subjects taken up were as follows, in order:

1st. Paper Bag Cooking was demonstrated by Mrs. Phillips.

2nd. Talks on Sanitation and Health, by Mrs. Beattie and Mrs. Guldlin.

3rd. Property Rights for Women, by Mr. Ellison.

4th. Twentieth Century Education, by Miss Wilbur.

5th. Talks on Thrift, by Mrs. Beattie. (Most delectably demonstrated.)

Donation of $5.00 was last winter given a worthy family in need.

Last, but not least, the Circle joined the State Federation.

MRS. WALTER BURNS, Sec.

THE MORNING MUSICAL

The past season has been an active one. The club has given sixteen enjoyable programs, while four artist recitals, among which was the famous Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, have demonstrated the spirit of growth which lies in the society. One feature of which the directors are justly proud is the annual popular concert with a nominal admission fee. A recital is given, combining the higher forms of music with the lighter and more popular forms, and we feel that a great interest is awakened in such a work, as is evidenced by the immense audiences which always greet the performers.

The club has assisted financially in the Y. W. C. A. project, the McDowel scholarship fund and the Indiana

Federation of Clubs' scholarship. A "mother's chair" was presented to the Hoagland school and "a delightful letter of thanks was received." Different members from the children of the club have furnished music for the vesper services of the Y. W. C. A.

We feel that the Morning Musical is a power for good in our community. Its growth from the original thirteen members when the club was organized in 1890, to a membership of 260, with an annual expenditure of over $2,000, shows more plainly than words that the work it does is a work of real value. The aim of the Morning Musical is to gladden and inspire. On the one side giving happiness to the many, on the other inspiring with a generous purpose and mission those who have the God-given gift of music.

MRS. CLARK FAIRBANKS, Pres.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB

The Twentieth Century Club will this year nearly finish the study of the historical plays of Shakespeare, which have been taken as a correlation to contemporary English history. Richard III formed the study of the year. In connection with Shakespeare, two papers were assigned to each lesson, one on art or some elective study, and one on current magazines articles. The latter has proved a happy innovation.

MRS. C. A. STOCKBRIDGE, Sec.

GENERAL CULTURE CLUB

The General Culture Club, during the first part of the year, studied King Lear, and the latter half was devoted to a geographical study of the United States and Canada. Papers on subjects chosen by those who prepared them were also given during the year. Current events and current literature also received atten-

tion. The club gave one evening to the Womans League work, being an innovation in the history of local clubs.

MISS MARGARET GOSHORN, Sec.

COLLEGE WOMANS CLUB

The report of the College Womans Club, Mrs. John Moring, President, detailed the excellent work of the club for the year, showing that the ladies have not only given much attention to literary study, but have assisted greatly in charitable lines. The club has also done much educational work in connection with the schools.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

The work of the year has been marked by renewed interest and increased attendance. Several names are on the waiting list to be added when vacancies may occur. The club membership is limited to seventy-five. The club has been and will be at all times happy to unite in the movements for the betterment of conditions and for the public.

A. W. PERRY, Secretary.

WOMANS READING CLUB.

The club has followed a most unique method during the year. No set program was announced, but each hostess was requested to entertain the club in a manner best suited to her abilities. The result was a series of "surprise" sessions, each of which proved of immense value to the progress of the work of the club.

MRS. E. T. WILLIAMS, President.

THE SATURDAY CLUB.

The club was formed some twenty years ago and has had a prominent place in the life of the city. It

stands not only for self-culture but has helped many to grow in mental scope and usefulness. This year the club has devoted its time to the study of the modern literary drama, among them Ibsen's "Enemy of the People," Sunderman's "Fires of St. John," Shaw's "The Doctor's Dilemma," Hauptman's "Sunken Bell," and Pinero's "Sweet Lavendar." The officers are: President, Mrs. A. H. Perfect; Vice President, Mrs. S. C. Lumbard; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. C. T. Lane; Program Committee, Mrs. C. T. Lane, Mrs. A. J. Detzer, Mrs. John Jacobs.

THURSDAY SHAKESPEARE CLUB

During the three years of the club's existence it has accomplished much in the advancement of the study of the works of Shakespeare. The report reviews the papers and discussions of the year and refers especially to a guest day, April 23, at which time Homer G. Davisson, of the Fort Wayne School of Art, gave a reading from the "Merchant of Venice."

MRS. GEORGE TRENAN, Sec.

DUODECIMO CLUB.

The club found much interest this year in the study of Italy, from the struggle for independence, from the lives of her great statesmen and from her famous works of art. A guest day was devoted to the music of Italy and to the annual banquet. The club contributed to the Y. W. C. A. building fund.

MRS. MARY E. GREENAWALT, Secretary.

THE XIX CENTURY CLUB.

The XIX Century club has been in existence twenty years, having been organized in 1892.

As a literary and social club it has been most successful. It has an active membership of seventeen and an out-of-town membership of fourteen.

Last year the drama was studied from the beginning, and this year the same line of work will be continued.

EDITH Y. KEEGAN, Recording-Secretary.

THE SHAKESPEARE CLUB.

The Shakespeare Club, which has been in continuous active membership for very nearly twenty-five years, has deviated a little in the past year from its usual line of work.

In former years at least two plays from Shakespeare have been studied, sometimes three. The program for the first half of the year just closed was devoted to the study of "King John," each evening opening with quotations from "The Merchant of Venice." Preceding each evening of the League lecture course a review of the novel to be presented by Professor Clark was made a part of the club's evening work.

For the second half the custom of quotations was permitted a wider latitude of choice, and several of the modern dramas, selected from the works of Bernard Shaw and Galsworthy, including "The Widower's Houses," "You Never Can Tell," "Justice," and "The Silver Box," were taken up for reading and discussion.

A time honored custom of the club, giving an hour each month for current events, was adhered to.

Through one of its members, Miss Mary E. Dick, the club is connected with the modern Dramatic League, a circumstance giving additional interest to a full program.

ELLEN McKEAG, President.

CARRIE A. SNIVELY, Vice-Pres.

MRS. C. P. CHERRY, Sec. and Treas.

ORGANIZATIONS

HOPE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

The hospital was started thirty-six years ago, without a dollar of financial backing. The building was rested "on faith," a committee of women guaranteeing to solicit funds, and the support has not been sufficient to enable it to proceed without "begging."

"This is not true of any other hospital in Fort Wayne. The other two, most happily, have the support of powerful religious denominations. Hope hospital, being undenominational, must rely upon the generous, but precarious, free will offerings of the public. It is not and never has been a city hospital in the sense of ever receiving a plenty of support from the city. It may be stated as an absolute fact that no hospital is self-supporting unless it be privately owned and run as a money-making enterprise. Prices at a public hospital should be kept within the reach of all. Analysis of the prices charged at Hope hospital shows that three-fourths of the beds pay less than it costs the hospital to care for the patients. The institution has a capacity of sixty-three beds. Of these, ten are priced at $10 per week, seven at $12, eleven at $7 per week, or $1 per day, when patients can pay it. When they cannot, provision is made for them from the free bed fund. This gives a total of forty-nine beds yielding returns of less than $2 per day per bed. The actual cost of caring for each patient is, we find to be, $2.05 per day. Thus we have nearly three-fourths of the patients actually paying less than it costs the hospital to care for them. The remaining beds or rooms are priced: Two at $15, four at $18, four at $20, two at $25 and two at $30 per week. Not a few patients leave the hospital paying only a part of their bills, promising to pay the balance and failing to do so."

The continual wear on furnishings, bedding, etc., is

the cause of heavy expense. In the item of linens alone, the following articles are used daily: Sixty sheets, fifty pillow cases, one hundred and thirty towels, thirty bedspreads, twenty blankets.

The question has arisen, "Is Hope hospital needed?" From the small beginnings noted, Hope hospital has grown into an institution owning a property, including buildings and equipment, valued now at $65,000. This property has been accumulated through the generosity of certain apostles of social service in the past, and stands today a monument to their practice of the doctrine they preached. Notably among these was the late Mrs. Jesse L. Williams, to whose credit and that of H. M. Williams, some $17,000 is due. In 1911 the number of patients treated was 1,030. Of these, 584 were from out of town. Much of the time every bed has been occupied.

Solution of the Problem.

Under these conditions, should Hope hospital close down? In a moment of discouragement the Woman's Hope Hospital committee asked itself the question, and the matter was put to vote, and every woman voted "No." What should be done is this: First, the hospital should be supplied with an unfailing annual income of at least $6,000, aside from and in addition to the revenue derived from the care of the patients. It could then keep even with all expenses and furnish a hospital service second to none. The ideal source of such an income would be a $100,000 endowment fund, and this the hospital association and the woman's committee hopefully believe will come when the public knows the truth about Hope hospital.

But this much accomplished, we want $100,000 to build a new hospital for the maintenance of which the first $100,000 will also be an endowment.

Something must be done. Hope hospital cannot be spared. Neither can it go on as at present. The rev-

enue must be increased and the price of rooms and beds must not be raised—so there you have it.

Unless conditions can be improved it will be impossible to retain a competent superintendent if she is always to be confronted by financial problems.

ANNA M. LOWRY.

Y. W. C. A.

The Building Fund.

On the evening our building fund closed, we were able to report nearly $92,000 pledged for our new building. In a few weeks the fund had reached $97,000. This, with the number of rooms to be furnished, and small pledges which since came in, bring the figures to approximately $100,000, the goal we started to reach.

During this year we have not attempted much educational work, owing to cramped quarters and lack of workers. However, the Bible work has been maintained under the efficient teaching of Rev. and Mrs. Potts, with a membership of nearly one hundred.

We have entertained 350 transients and referred 275 persons to other places.

Served 57,719 Meals.

The lunch department has been well patronized and 57,719 meals have been served.

The Geneva club is an organization of young women whose object is to promote interest in the work of the association among other young women and to assist as many as possible to attend the Y. W. C. A. conference held at Lake Geneva each year in August. The club has eleven members and is self-supporting.

The average attendance at the Sunday afternoon vesper services has been thirty-five. We are indebted to the Morning Musical for the music at these services.

For a number of months we were fortunate in having Miss Todd organize and conduct a glee club at the

Wayne Knitting mills, but this was abandoned a short time ago, owing to lack of interest on the part of the pupils.

The effort to induce merchants to close their stores at six o'clock on Saturdays to enable their clerks to have the evening for rest and preparation for the Sabbath was unsucccessful.

We realize that the coming months are going to be important and difficult. We should have at least one thousand paid-up members. We need every member of the Womans League—yes, every Christian woman in Fort Wayne. Our new building is to be completed in December, and we want each one of you to own at least a small part in the building and have a great interest in all the work.

MRS. J. S. HOUSE.

HEBREW BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society has a membership of forty-seven. Each member pays $3.00 annually for dues, and the money is used exclusively for charity. During the season just closed, $32 was donated to local institutional charities, $60 to institutional charities outside of Fort Wayne and $70 to individual charities.

The deficit was made up by individual donations.

Mrs. Ben Lehman, of the society, donated one bolt of outing flannel, which the society made into gowns and sent to Hope hospital.

MRS. LOUIS HEILBRONNER, Sec.

MRS. AARON ROTHSCHILD, Pres.

NEEDLEWORK GUILD

The Guild is a non-sectarian charitable organization, which once a year, collects and distributes new articles of clothing and household linen. The Fort Wayne branch is composed of thirteen sections, each section including 110 or more members. Each member donates two garments a year. In the year 1911 the Fort Wayne branch collected 2,614 garments, which may be classified as follows:

Much Assistance Given.

Miscellaneous, 704; for men, 82; for women, 220; for boys, 21; for girls, 64; for children, 1,365; for infants, 158.

These were distributed to the different charitable institutions of our city as follows:

Allen County Orphan Home, 242; Fort Wayne Orphan Home (Reformed Church) 207; Fort Wayne Lutheran hospital, 58; Fort Wayne Rescue Home and Mission, 92; Gospel Mission, 115; Hope hospital, 67; public schools, 710; Relief Union, 253; St. Joseph's hospital, 83; St. Vincent's Orphan Home, 178; Visiting Nurse's League, 313; Willing Workers, 186; Y. W. C. A., 140.

ALICE FOSTER McCULLOCH, Pres.

W. C. T. U. REPORT

By Mrs. A. B. Nivens

The work of the W. C. T. U. during the year has been accomplished under heavy odds and against great difficulties, due, in part, to the very nature of the work itself, but more particularly to the fact that the organization has been generally misunderstood, publicly misrepresented and, in many instances, maligned, and it it has taken every degree of loyalty its members possess to continue to plod onward under these circumstances.

But in spite of all this, the year has been one of marked success in many ways.

Its Varied Work.

The local association has twenty-four distinct departments. Mothers' meetings and white ribbon recruits, literature, Sunday school, railroad work, press, jail and prison, evangelistic, mercy, physical culture, co-operation with missionary societies, medal contests, loyal temperance branch, rescue work, franchise, law and statistics, school savings banks, scientific temperance instruction, household economics, young people's branch, flower mission, Sabbath observance, medical temperance, fair, and open-air meetings.

It is impossible for a local organization to do justice to all these departments, so we directed our energies in the past year particularly to the four latter, says the report, which goes on to tell of the work of the flower mission, which, on a certain day set aside in May or June, sends a bouquet to the city officials, the public school teachers and the clergy. Also on that day and all through the year the ward patients and shut-ins in hospitals and about the city who are not supplied with flowers by friends are remembered with bouquets. Last year the department sent out 1,972 bouquets and 165 growing plants, made 575 calls on the sick, made six visits to public institutions, cared for the sick seventy-two days and nights, gave out 113 garments and furnished thirty-three meals to the poor.

The report tells of the successful efforts to close the saloons on holidays. An account is given of the work of discouraging the use of harmful patent medicines. The report tells of the work of the association women in coming to the help of the girls who left the red light district at the time it was closed by the authorities.

Mrs. Nivens reviews the incidents leading up to the opposition of the W. C. T. U. to the illegal sale of liquors at the fair, and adds:

"The citizens of Allen county are now awaiting

with interest the arrival of Judge Merriman for the hearings and his decision in the matter."

The report deals also with an account of the closing of the chili parlors and closes with an appeal for the co-operation of the people of the county.

THE VISITING NURSE'S LEAGUE

The Visiting Nurse's League work for the past year has met with many interruptions. In April our good nurse, Miss Josephine Shatzer, resigned, asking to be relieved within a year, and as soon as possible, owing to her eyesight being in bad condition. With deepest regret we were compelled to accept her resignation, and after nearly six months secured at the last Miss Susan B. Randall, of Morton, N. Y.,, a graduate of a Boston hospital, who arrived in Fort Wayne on November 2, and assumed her duties on the morning of the 3rd, Miss Shatzer remaining a few days to introduce her to the field of work and the methods practiced. Miss Randall entered the work with great zeal. Enthusiastic and earnest, she made many friends and quickly gained the confidence of her patients. Unfortunately for the League, she was called to her home by the illness of her mother. She secured Mrs. Mann to act as substitute during her absence, expecting it to be but temporary. Later, in the early part of January, she sent her resignation, and Mrs. Mann continued as substitute until February 8, when Miss Greer, a graduate of Hope hospital, accepted the position.

Following is the nurses' report:

Number of visits to patients—Miss Shatzer, from March to November, 1,019. Miss Randall, 165. Mrs. Mann, 144. Miss Greer, 198. Total, 1,526. Baths given, 186. Massages given, 84. Alcohol baths given, 36. Number of wounds dressed, 65. Three patients died during the year, two from tuberculosis and one from rheumatism. The nurse has fifteen patients on

the list at present. Of these, four are chronic cases, two needing visits nearly every day, and the others once a week. The rheumatic case noted was particularly difficult, for the patient needed a nurse constantly. The League assumed this expense, employed an experienced nurse from October to January 13, and also helped to pay the rent and supply the remedies used in this case. The visiting nurse acts in many cases as the "friendly visitor," and helps in other ways besides the visits she makes to the sick.

The little girl referred to in the report of the Philanthropic department also benefited greatly by the ministrations and kindly interest of the Visiting Nurse, who secured suitable clothing for her, and through whose instrumentality her present happy home was found.

The league is indebted to the following organizations for liberal donations during the year: Athena Club, two circles of King's Daughters, the South Side Baptist Mission, the Dorcas Society of the English Lutheran church, the College Woman's club, Miss Lund's Sunday school class, the Needlework Guild, and to others including a former patient of the visiting nurse, who was thankful for the service received.

These donations include, in addition to money, gifts of infant's clothing, sheets, pillow cases, towels, soft old linen for bandages, fruits and jellies, flour and groceries, clothing and sewing done.

The dues of the Visiting Nurse's League are only 25 cents a year. Many more members are needed to add to the yearly fund.

The treasurer's report shows receipts from membership fees, $161.30; from Thanksgiving offerings from churches, $229.36; from donations, $529.52, making a total of $920.18. The disbursements were $674.60 for nurse fees, $64.60 for special nurses, and $98 for necessities for the poor.

MRS. STEPHEN B. BOND, Pres.